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## CNO Senior Enlisted Leadership Forum

# Leadership, operations and QDR top subjects

courtesy CNO Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jay L. Johnson spoke to Fleet, Force and CNO-directed Command Master Chiefs at the CNO Senior Enlisted Leadership Forum May 22.

The Forum, a semi-annual event, was hosted by Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy ETCM(SW) John Hagan. It brought the Navy's senior enlisted leaders together to discuss updates on existing Navy programs, initiatives and policies of importance to Sailors.

The CNO talked about personnel readiness, operational tempo, changes to the enlisted warfare qualification system, uniform standards and, most importantly, leadership. He also described how the recently released Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) validates the Navy's "Forward... From the Sea" strategy.

Admiral Johnson praised the senior enlisted leaders for their service. He said good leadership is of the utmost importance as the Navy prepares to implement the recommendations of the QDR.

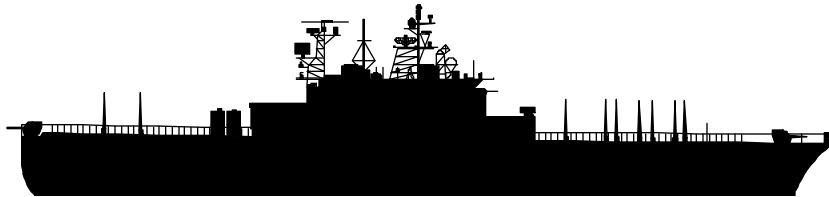
"Focusing on example and leadership is how we will get through QDR and force structure changes," he said. "You are the key to this focus, and I'm really proud of the CPO community."

Admiral Johnson also emphasized the importance of setting a good example.

"You are the role models," he said. "You are who our young Sailors look up to. Carry that proudly and use it to the maximum advantage. Be true to your principles, values and standards, and show them to our young men and women coming up the ladder."

## Vinson, Peleliu, COMHSLWINGLANT top safety winners

WASHINGTON — USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70), USS *Peleliu* (LHA 5) and Commander, Helicopter Antisubmarine Light Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, (COMHSLWINGLANT) are winners of top aviation safety awards.



basis for selection is operations readiness and excellence, and safety record.

COMHSLWINGLANT was awarded the CNO Readiness Through Safety Award and the

*Vinson* and *Peleliu* are the 1996 winners of the Admiral Flatley Memorial Award; runners-up are USS *George Washington* (CVN 73) and USS *Saipan* (LHA 2). The award recognizes the aircraft carrier (CV/CVN) and amphibious warfare ship (LHA/LPH/LHD) that surpass all competitors in overall contributions to aviation safety. The

Daedalians Admiral James S. Russell Naval Aviation Flight Safety Award for 1996. This award is presented annually to the command that contributes the most toward readiness and economy of operations through safety. The command selected must have an outstanding safety record and an aggressive safety program.

## CNO challenges hometown graduates, future Sailors; thanks recruiters

WASHINGTON — Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jay L. Johnson was in his hometown of West Salem, Wis., over the Memorial Day weekend, speaking to the graduating class of West Salem High School, his alma mater. He also met with area recruiters and recruits in the Delayed Entry program (DEP).

At the high school graduation, Admiral Johnson told the Class of 1997, and a gymnasium packed with their families and friends, that the Navy's Core Values are values he learned growing up in West Salem.

"I learned about honor, courage and commitment right here," he said. "These values

have been the instruments with which I've navigated the seas and skies of a 33-year Naval career and a half-century of life. They will serve you well in whatever endeavors you undertake."

While visiting with the area recruiters, Admiral Johnson thanked them for their education and hard work, acknowledging that the area's low unemployment rate and excellent educational opportunities makes their job especially challenging.

"You have a tough job, but none is more important," he told the recruiters. "The future of the Navy is in your hands."

To the "DEPpers," Admiral Johnson spoke of the outstanding opportunities awaiting them in the Navy, and emphasized the importance of staying physically and mentally fit to meet the rigors of boot camp.

"Stay focused and be ready to accept those challenges," he said.

Admiral Johnson told their parents that the Navy takes its obligations to its recruits very seriously.

"You hear us talk a lot about ships and aircraft, but it's our people who are most important to us," he said.

## Submit Seaman-to-Admiral applications

by LT Lydia Robertson, BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) is accepting applications for the FY98 Seaman-to-Admiral program. Applications from eligible Sailors for the officer commissioning program are due July 7 to BUPERS.

The program is open to enlisted personnel of the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve on active duty, including Training and Administration of Reserves.

A selection board convenes Sept. 8 to select 50 candidates best qualified for appointment as officers in the unrestricted line. The selectees will be announced in a NAVADMIN message. Selectees are appointed as ensigns in the U.S. Naval Reserve after successful completion of Officer Candi-

date School in Pensacola, Fla.

Following commissioning, officers are assigned to warfare community training in naval aviation, submarine, surface or special warfare/operations, based on the needs of the Navy, individual qualification, aptitude, experience and each selectee's preferences. An overview of individual community career paths can be found in "The Officer Career Planning Guidebook," NAVPERS 15605.

NAVADMIN 121/97 details basic requirements for eligibility and gives general program information.

For more Seaman-to-Admiral policy information, contact Pers-21, LCDR M. Cahill at (703) 693-2325 (DSN 223). For application processing information, contact Pers-251, LTR. H. Green at (703) 614-2166 (DSN 224).

## Summary of NAVADMINs

NAVADMIN 124/97 212229Z MAY 97  
- Remaining FY97 and Tentative FY98 Ship and Aircraft Squadron Decommissionings

NAVADMIN 125/97 231335Z MAY 97  
- FY97 Cycle 149 (E8/9) Advancements

NAVADMIN 126/97 271734Z MAY 97  
- FY98 Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) Program

NAVADMIN 127/97 272307Z MAY 97  
- Naval Reserve Promotions to the Grades of Captain, Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Lieutenant and Warrant Officer, Line and Staff Corps

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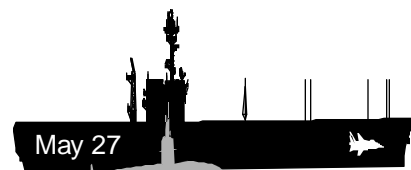
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## Status of the Navy



**Personnel:** 395,075 active duty  
211,118 civilians  
231,321 Ready Reserves:  
96,799 SELRES/134,522 IRR  
Aircraft: 4,732  
Ships: 350  
Underway: 179 ships (51%)  
Deployed: 112 ships; (32%)  
52,032 personnel (25%)  
Exercises: 8  
Port Visits: 14  
SSNs at Sea: 31 (43%)

### Carriers/Airwings at Sea:

USS *Independence*: port visit, Hong Kong  
USS *John F. Kennedy*: ex. ILES D'OR, Mediterranean  
USS *Constellation*: ex. INITIAL LINK, Arabian Gulf  
USS *George Washington*: COMPTUEX, west. Atlantic

### LHAs/LHDs/LPHs/MCS at Sea:

USS *Boxer*/15th MEU: ex. INFINITE MOONLIGHT 97, Red Sea  
USS *Essex*: local ops., east. Pacific  
USS *Kearsarge*/22nd MEU: trans., east. Atlantic  
USS *Belleau Wood*: ex. PHATTAYA, Indian Ocean  
USS *Inchon*: ex. ILES D'OR, Mediterranean  
USS *Wasp*: Fleet Week, New York, NY

### Ships Assigned to the Middle East Force:

USS *Ardent*, USS *Dextrous*, USS *Thorn*, USS *Nicholas*, USS *Paul F. Foster*, USS *Ingraham*, USS *Fitzgerald*

### Other Exercises/Operations:

Operation Teamwork South, coast of Chile  
Operation Southern Watch, Arabian Gulf  
Maritime Interception Ops, Arabian Gulf  
Counter Drug Ops, Caribbean/East Pacific

## This week in Navy History

*May 30, 1868 - First formal observance of Memorial Day.*

## Leftwich, Paul Hamilton, Fletcher return from deployment

by JO2 Greg Cleghorne, Naval Base Pearl Harbor Public Affairs  
PEARL HARBOR (NWSA) — USS *Fletcher* (DD 992), USS *Paul Hamilton* (DDG 60) and USS *Leftwich* (DD 984) returned to their Pearl Harbor homeport May 17 from a six-month western Pacific and Middle East deployment.

While in the Arabian Gulf, Sailors conducted maritime interdiction operations in support of United Nations sanctions against Iraq.

Each ship sailed more than 30,000 miles since leaving last

November, making port calls that included Hong Kong, Singapore, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Australia and Fiji.

"The most significant thing about deploying is it makes you feel like you're playing a large role in world events," said Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Adam Humphrey, assigned to *Leftwich*, describing his first deployment. "When we pulled into port, and I read a newspaper or watched television, I saw the results of our enforcement of United Nations sanctions. It made me feel proud to enforce international policy."

## U.S. naval forces join Chile, Canada, Great Britain in Teamwork South 97

SAN DIEGO—U.S. naval forces assigned to the THIRD Fleet will participate in the annual Chilean naval exercise Teamwork South 97 off the coast of Chile from May 26 to June 10, 1997.

Participating are guided missile destroyer USS *Callaghan* (DDG 994), attack submarine USS *Pasadena* (SSN 752), three P-3 Orion aircraft assigned to VP-37 based at NAS Moffett Field, Calif., and three S-3 Viking aircraft assigned to VS-35 based at NAS North Island, Calif.

Teamwork South 97 is a combined maritime exercise including a variety of evolutions in several warfare areas including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface-warfare and anti-air warfare. Nine ships, 22 aircraft, 3 submarines and nearly 2600 personnel from Chile, Canada, Great Britain and the United States will participate in this

year's exercise, making it the largest held to date.

This year's exercise marks the first time the Chilean air force, forces from

Great Britain and a U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit are participating. This is the third time the U.S. and Chilean navies have conducted Teamwork South.

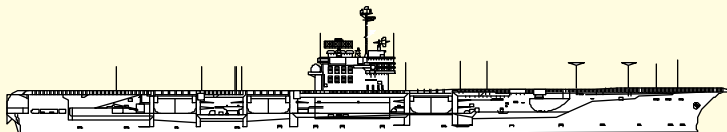
### Indy Sailors crossdeck to Australian ships

by JOSN Joseph L. Rehana, USS *Independence* Public Affairs

Sailors from the USS *Independence* (CV 62) Battle Group and four Royal Australian Navy ships are changing places while the two groups operate to-

gether between May 21 and May 28.

Training during the crossdeck sessions focuses on integrated battle group exercises in a number of tactical scenarios and individual skill exercises in communications, signaling and shiphandling.



## Notable Quotable

**"The folks aboard today are just as excited about the business of launching and recovering aircraft from the decks of these aircraft carriers as any of us old guys ever were. . . . These men and women represent everything that is good and great in our Navy. They're energetic, they're intelligent, they're thoughtful, they're courageous in the face of intimidating challenges. And they're unabashed in the love of their country and their families."**

— VADM John J. Mazach, USN, Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, during change of command ceremonies on USS *George Washington* (CVN 73) May 7, 1997.

## Norfolk ships head for BALTOPS '97

NORFOLK (NWSA) — USS *Cape St. George* (CG 71), USS *Anzio* (CG 68) and USS *Estocin* (FFG 15) departed May 23 for operations in the Baltic Sea. They will join 47 other ships from 12 European nations for the 25th annual BALTOPS exercise, held this year from June 16 to 27.

RADM James B. Hinkle, Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 8, will command the exercise from his flagship, *Anzio*.

BALTOPS involves two at-sea phases. Phase one covers response to maritime disasters, maritime search and rescue, maritime surveillance, and customs enforcement training. It begins June 16 in Gdynia, Poland, and concludes June 20 with a port visit to Kiel, Germany.

Phase two will take place June 23 to 27. Participating NATO nations will conduct multilateral training in air warfare, shallow water operations, air defense, seamanship and mine warfare.

## Hospital corpsman wins 1997 National Image Meritorious Service Award

courtesy Naval Reserve Force Public Affairs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (NWSA)—Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Marcos A. Castillo, of Naval Reserve Readiness Center Kansas City, Mo., has been selected as the Navy enlisted winner of the 1997 National Image Meritorious Service Award.

This award is presented each year to one officer and one enlisted member of each military service by National Image

Inc., a Hispanic organization with a 25-year history of close ties to the military.

Forty-one nominations were reviewed for this year's awards and the winners selected upon the basis of their contributions in the areas of civil rights, equal opportunity and community service.

Castillo, born in the Dominican Republic, was overwhelmed by the attention that accompanied his selection.

Castillo has volunteered with the

Greater Kansas City (GKC) Community Blood Center, GKC Christmas Fund Drive, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Cub Scouts and the American Red Cross.

"I've always tried to be very involved with the community because every time I've needed it, somebody in the community has been there to give me hand," said Castillo.

## Hall picked 1997 Naval Reserve SOY

courtesy of Naval Reserve Force Public Affairs

NEW ORLEANS (NWSA) — Electronics Technician 1st Class (SS) Kevin W. Hall is the 1997 Naval Reserve Sailor of the Year. Hall drills with NR AS-40 Cable Detachment B at the Naval Reserve Facility Pocatello, Idaho.

As the Naval Reserve Sailor of the

Year, Hall will receive a meritorious advancement to Chief Petty Officer; an expense paid trip with his family to Washington, D.C., to receive Department of the Navy recognition; appointment to the Commander, Naval Reserve Force Policy Board; five days of rest and relaxation at a selected site in the continental United States; and appointment to the 1998 Reserve Sailor of the Year Selection Board.

## Coastal mine hunter *Shrike* christened

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — Coastal Mine Hunter *Shrike* (MHC 62) was christened May 24 at Intermarine USA, Savannah, Ga.

Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia was the principal speaker. Ship's sponsor was Janet Gehman, spouse of Vice Chief of Naval Operations ADM Harold W. Gehman Jr.

Coastal mine hunters are named after North American birds of prey. One previous ship (1955-75) was named *Shrike*. Originally laid down as AMS-201, the first *Shrike*'s classification was changed to MSC-201, a minesweeper.

The current *Shrike* is the last of 12 *Osprey*-class ships authorized by Congress.

Following its commissioning next year, *Shrike* will be homeported in Ingleside, Texas. LCDR Henry D. Derbes II will be the commanding officer of a crew of six officers and 46 enlisted personnel.

Ships of this class are the world's largest mine hunters to be constructed entirely of fiberglass. The ship's primary mission is reconnaissance, classification and neutralization of moored and bottom mines in littoral areas, harbors and coastal waterways. The ship is armed with two .50 caliber machine guns; a high-definition, variable-depth sonar; and a remotely operated, robotic submarine used to neutralize mines.

## NAVY-MARINE CORPS NEWS

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**FOCUS ON THE FLEET: CNO returns to hometown**

**Marine Corps' best shooters take experience back to fleet**

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